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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Terrorism: Is This Just the Beginning?

I work in counterterrorism and armored truck security. Both came together four or five times in 1981 with terrorist attacks on armored trucks, mainly in the Northeast. The attack in Nanuet was not fouled-up, as stated in The Post article "Brink's Shoot-Out Rekindles an Old Debate" (Nov. 2), nor are its implications easily wiped out. In Nanuet, there was an element of luck. An eyewitness saw the transfer of the terrorists and their loot from a van to a waiting escape car or cars and carefully noted license numbers and descriptions for the police.

The Weather Underground was organized by hard-core members of the Students for a Democratic Society. During the SDS's ninth and last convention in Chicago in June 1969, the hard core promulgated the platform of the Weather Underground. The first plank was to grant blacks the leading role in the struggle against U.S. "imperialism," reserving for themselves (the Weather Underground) a supporting function; the fourth plank was to

create an organization of revolutionaries, or terrorist-insurgents, under a single general staff. In my judgment, the attacks on various armored trucks in 1981 were not the last hurrahs but the successful culmination of many years of underground activity.

Reminiscent of West Germany in the 1960s and the work of the Socialist Lawyers Collective working inside prisons, with the Baader-Meinhof gang and other terrorist groups, the Weather Underground collaborated with American left-of-center lawyers and paralegals to recruit prisoners for terrorist organizations.

We can expect, I believe, a short hiatus in terrorist attacks against armored trucks until the heat dies down from the Nanuet operation, but the future depends on how successful the Weather Underground was in its prison recruitment program over the past four to five years.

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